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REMARKS**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features of claim 9. Claims 2 to 8 remain in the application. Claim 9 has been deleted.

Informality problem:

Specification has been amended to correct the informalities about the numeral of fixing plate to change 21 into 23.

Moreover, redundant numeral "1" of the upright rod in claim 7 is deleted in situ.

Claim rejections:

The Examiner stated that claims 1-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Small (US 2,960,094), claims 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Small, and claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Small further in view of Russell (US. 2,745,421). However, the Examiner further stated that claim 9 is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to the rejections in the above paragraph, features of the original claim 9 are added into the original claim 1 to become a new claim 1 so that the new claim 1 is patentable. Claims 2 to 8 directly or indirectly depend on the new claim 1 are also allowable.

After the amendment to the claims and specification, the anticipation rejections under 35

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USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) are overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.


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